.vu ccTLD
Republic of Vanuatu
About Vanuatu

- Vanuatu is made up of 83 islands and 63 islands are inhabited. (Located in South Pacific)
- 283,635 population as today
- Total Land Area is 4720 square metres
- 80% Living in Rural Areas, 20% in Urban Areas
- Has six provinces, and two municipal councils
- In terms of Telecommunications Network it currently has around 92% of population coverage mainly on voice (mobile)
Telecommunications/ Internet in Vanuatu

- The Telecommunications Industry was liberalized since 2008
- There are 8 existing Licensees; 2 mobile operators, 1 submarine cable operator and 7 internet Service Providers including two mobile operators
- 2.5G and 2.75 G internet is available to around 92% of the population
- 3G+ is available in 76 sites around Vanuatu
- Trend in Internet subscriptions, 2007 – 2015 is now more than 80,000 subscriptions from around 5,000 in 2007
Issues and Challenges

• No proper and appropriate specific management and administrative mechanism in place to cater for competitive environment

• Specific complaints received on administration of .vu can not being resolved given TRR does not have any regulatory mechanism in place

• .vu is claimed to be still expensive
Issues and Challenges continue..

- Few services are bundled to .vu administration by current registrar (e.g. a customer will lose a number of email addresses if he or she decides to use another service provider)

- A debate on who should be responsible to authorize 2nd level domain using .vu (whether VIPO, TRR)

- No proper ccTLD administration and Management mechanism or regulation in place to manage and/or regulate the operation of the .vu and most importantly to reflect the laws, environment and culture of Vanuatu
What does that mean to ISPs and Users?

• Current management system for .vu is not fair to all players and internet customers

• Given the market is liberalized, management of .vu must also go through competitive tender process to give all players an opportunity to bid for being a registry or registrar

• TRR continues with its consultations and investigations with other Domain Registries and Registrars for suitable model that would benefit the parties involved
ROLE OF TRR OVER .vu ccTLD
Regulatory Instruments and Mandates

- **Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulation Act 2009**
  - Part 7 (4) (e) of the Act mandated TRR to manage and administer (including the exclusive management and administration) the country code top level domain and domain name registration for Vanuatu
TRR Goals and Objectives for better management and administration of .vu

- At an international level – a stable, reliable and secure DNS infrastructure

- A well managed Registry service

- Have multiple Registrars in a liberalised environment to create more market competition

- Adaptable and appropriate policies to manage the resource better

- Adapt the management and usage of .vu to the vanuatu laws, environment and culture

- Better management and administration of the resource to protect vanuatu culture, children on line and to promote our Culture across the globe
Current and Going forward actions
Draft Regulatory Instruments expected to finalized by Q1 2016

• Draft Vanuatu Domain Name (.vu) Management and Administration Regulation:
  - .vu ccTLD management and administration structure
  - Role and Functions of the Regulator
  - Responsibility for the Registry operators
  - Responsibilities for Registrars
  - Responsibilities for Registrant
  - Dispute and complaints resolutions
Rule No. 1 Operational Practices

- Process for the Registration of Domain Names
- Registration of Domain Names at the Second Level
- Registration of Domain Names at the Third Level
- Restricted Names
- Managing Cancelled Domain Names
- Disputes and complaints
- WHOIS Query
- Process for Registrant Info Service search
- Zone Data
Forward Actions

- Maintain current Registry on an interim arrangement (grace period to be agreed on) while facilitating competitive tender for both Registry and Registrars
- Anticipated to finalize Winning bidders by Q2 2016
- Promote awareness on proper and appropriate management and administration of .vu
- Facilitate transfer of Winning bidder as Registry
- Facilitate selection of more Registrars in the market
Thank you
Any questions or comments?